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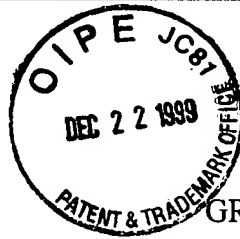
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 1999, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-25 are currently pending in the application. No claims have been added or amended herewith.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 9-25 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,721,842 and 5,884,096 (hereinafter "the '842 patent" and "the '096 patent," respectively). Moreover, the Office Action